

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 32-21**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING TOWN PARTICIPATION WITH THE GREATER OXON HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO APPLY FOR A STATE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by: Mayor Muhammad

WHEREAS, the Greater Oxon Hill Community Development Corporation has submitted an application to the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development seeking a commercial façade improvement grant from the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund used to improve residential and business properties and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the funds offered by this program is to enhance the aesthetics of commercial establishments and to improve the marketability of downtown areas and commercial corridors and;

WHEREAS, this is a popular, widely used program utilized throughout Maryland to enhance, improve and revitalize downtown and Main Street commercial destinations and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights and the Greater Oxon Hill CDC agree that the funds for this program would be put to good use in Forest Heights by specifically enhancing the aesthetics and commercial business facades of the commercial establishments within the town along the Highway 210 corridor and Livingston Road corridor and;

WHEREAS, the Town Administrator has provided a letter to the CDC to accompany the façade improvement grant application which preliminarily expresses the Town's interest and intent to participate in the application process pending final approval by the Mayor and Town Council by way of this Resolution and;

WHEREAS, said funding is to be utilized within established designated Maryland Sustainable Communities and in connection with approved Sustainable Communities Plans to help enhance their commercial properties and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights has an up-to-date Sustainable Communities Plan on file with the Department of Housing & Community Development and this grant funding would be used to help achieve the desired outcome regarding the enhancement of commercial facades as adhered to in the Plan and;

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WHEREAS, a successful façade improvement program would enhance the overall look and viability of our commercial areas and the entire town, as well as potentially improve patronage and revenue for businesses and the municipal tax base.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights hereby endorses the participation of the Town of Forest Heights in the State Revitalization Program Commercial Façade Improvement Grant application process in partnership with the Greater Oxon Hill Community Development Corporation.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this 21 day of July 2021.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

MUHAMMAD

Absent

BROWNSON

NAY

NOBLE

Yea

BARNES

Yea

HINES

NAY

WASHINGTON

Yea

ATKINSON

Yea

ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherietta Hawkins, Town Clerk

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: _____
Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

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By: _____
Calvin Washington, Council President

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CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 27 of July 2021 with 4 Aye votes and 1 Nay vote the aforesaid Resolution 32-21 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk